

IN THE SPECIFICATION

To comply with Examiner's requirement, Applicant amends the specification as follows.

At pages 1 and 2 of the specification, all the paragraphs between the heading "Brief Description" (at page 1) and the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" (at page 2) are deleted and replaced with the following paragraphs.

--In its preferred embodiment, the present invention includes an inverter circuit having a pair of DC input terminals and at least two periodically conducting transistors series-connected between an auxiliary negative terminal and an auxiliary positive terminal. The two transistors are connected together at a junction terminal.--

--The inverter circuit is powered from a DC voltage source having a pair of DC supply terminals connected with the DC input terminals; which DC input terminals are connected with the auxiliary negative terminal and the auxiliary positive terminal by way of an inductor means having two windings on a single magnetic core.--

--The inverter circuit includes structure sufficient to cause a substantially sinusoidal high-frequency output voltage to be provided between a pair of output terminals, as well as to cause a substantially sinusoidal high-frequency voltage to exist between the junction terminal and one of the DC supply terminals.--

--A fluorescent lamp is connected with the output terminals by way of current-limiting circuitry.--

At page 8, ~~line 15~~, "staturable" is replaced with --saturable--.

At page 8, ~~line 17~~, "comparisn" is replaced with --comparison--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-43 have been further amended and new claims 44-46 have been added. All the currently pending claims are presented by way of the enclosed document entitled RE-AMENDED CLAIMS in Serial No. 08/005,381.

To cover the fee for the added claims, a check (#4459) for \$170.00 is attached.